

Department of Computer Engineering

CENG 111

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Take Home Exam 4

REGULATIONS

Due date: 23:59, 20 January 2016, Wednesday (Not subject to postpone)

Submission: Electronically. You should save your program source code as a text file named

the4.py and submit it to us via the course's COW page.

Team: There is **no** teaming up. This is an EXAM.

Cheating: Source(s) and Receiver(s) will receive zero and be subject to disciplinary action.

INTRODUCTION

"Friendship is everything. Friendship is more than talent. It is more than the government. It is almost the equal of family." – Vito Corleone

Before his retirement, Don Vito Corleone has requested his bright son, Michael, to take over and run the mafia empire. However, he would not leave any of his savings to his son to run the empire, and ask Michael to take the job only based on his current savings up to when the offer is made. Being puzzled and short in time, Michael makes an offer you cannot refuse: He wants your help to check whether his savings are sufficient for taking up the empire.

PROBLEM

"What betrayed me? My mind? My heart? Why do I condemn myself so? I swear, on the lives of my children: Give me a chance to redeem myself, and I will sin, no more." – Michael Corleone

In this THE, your task is to help Michael to make a desperate decision. Michael will give you the mafia empire as a tree, and his savings, and you should determine whether his savings are sufficient for running the mafia empire. In the empire, each person p contributes some amount c_p to the empire and costs w_p to the empire (you may view c_p as the money p collects, and w_p as his wage). Since Michael has a rather more radical nature than his father, if needed, you may cut down the cost w_p of a person by $100 \times r_p$ (i.e., the wage of person p can be forced to $(w_p - 100 \times r_p)$), where r_p is the position of p in the hierarchy of the empire (in tree-terms, r_p is the length of the path from the root to p). However, you may reduce the wage w_p of a person only when (i) $r_p > 1$ and (ii) $(c_p - w_p) < 0$.

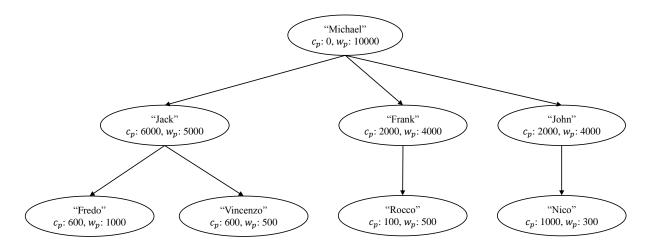


Figure 1: An example mafia tree.

SPECIFICATIONS

"I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So, I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness." – Michael Corleone

• Michael will call your solution via the following function:

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help_michael(mafia_tree, savings)
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where mafia_tree is the representation of the mafia empire as a nested-list and savings (int) is the current savings of Michael.

• The mafia tree will be given to you as a nested list. For the example tree given in Figure 1, the representation will be as follows:

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[["Michael", 0, 10000], \
    [["Jack", 6000, 5000], [["Fredo", 600, 1000]], [["Vincenzo", 600, 500]]],\
    [["Frank", 2000, 4000], [["Rocco", 100, 500]]],\
    [["John", 2000, 4000], [["Nico", 1000, 300]]]]
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- As you see in the example, the first item of the mafia tree is the datum. The datum for each node is a list of name (str), c_p (int), and w_p (int). Moreover, note that the tree is not binary.
- Your function should return:
 - "Yes" (str) if Michael's current savings are sufficient,
 - "No" (str) if Michael's current savings are insufficient,

- ["Possible", [p1, w_p1], [p2, w_p2], ..., [pN, w_pN]] if Michael's current savings may be sufficient on the condition that the costs of p1, ..., pN are reduced to w_p1, ..., w_pN respectively. Note that such reductions can only be possible for a person p if $r_p > 1$ and $(c_p w_p) < 0$ for p.
- Savings s is accepted sufficient if the sum $\sum_{p \in P} (c_p w_p)$, where P is the list of people in the tree (including Michael), is **less than** s.
- In case a reduction should be suggested, you should keep the total reduction amount to a minimum so as to not disturb the peace in the empire.

EXAMPLE RUN

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>>> L = [["Michael", 0, 10000], \
        [["Jack", 6000, 5000], [["Fredo", 600, 1000]], [["Vincenzo", 600, 500]]],\
        [["Frank", 2000, 4000], [["Rocco", 100, 500]]],\
        [["John", 2000, 4000], [["Nico", 1000, 300]]]]
>>> help_michael(L, 10000)
"No"
>>> help_michael(L, 12600)
["Possible", ["Fredo", 800], ["Rocco", 300]]
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NOTES

- You may not use any modules.
- You may not use alternative methods or strategies for representing trees. We, however, encourage you to practice them as an exercise.
- The input, which your functions will be tested with, will be error-free. You do not have to perform any error check.
- Your function(s) should not print anything on the screen.